

MINUTES MARCH 14, 2016

REGULAR MEETING 7:00pm

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members were present.

Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mallory Wall.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Pardue wants to welcome public comments from citizens of the town. What we do not want is to turn the town meeting into a circus of arguing back and forth with one another.

Mr. Buffkin is our Town Manager. If you have a problem he is the one to talk to about it. Mr. Buffkin is here at the town hall 5 days a week to help anyone with a town problem. If he cannot solve the problem he will present it to the Board.

The town meeting each month is to take care of town business presented by the Town Manager. I was the Mayor in Arlington before the merger and we did not have a Town Manager. I appreciate Mr. Buffkin as Town Manager and I think he is doing a good job. I like to refer to him as the BOSS MAN here in Jonesville.

If someone would like to make a comment, come up to the podium, state your name and present your comment. It is not the duty of the Town Board to settle comments between two people.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Wall made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 8, 2016, and Council Member Green seconded the motion, passed 4-1 with Council Member Wolfe voting against.

CONSIDERATION OF URBAN ARCHERY SEASON RENEWAL

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has requested the Town's renewal for the 2017 Deer Urban Archery Season (January 14th-February 18th 2017). April 1, 2016 is the dead line.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the renewal for the Deer Urban Archery Season for 2017 and Council Member Green seconded the motion, passed 4-1 with Council Member Moore abstaining.

REQUEST TO SHARE COSTS – YADKIN NAVIGATOR

In 2014, the Town and the Tourism Authority shared the cost of a full page advertisement in the Yadkin Navigator. A full page ad costs \$750 which would be shared evenly (\$375 each). This is the same price as it was in 2014. I understand that the TDA Board will consider this request at their next meeting as well.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve sharing the cost with the TDA of \$375.00 for a full page ad in the Yadkin Navigator, but note a change the Hwy 67 to Hwy 21 and Council Member Green seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

DISCUSSION OF ELECTION YEAR CHANGE

At our January Council meeting, we discussed the possibility of changing our municipal elections to even number years to coincide with federal, state and county elections. At that time the Council directed the Town Manager to reach out to the other towns in the county to see if they would be interested in joining with us in this effort. We have now heard back from all the towns and Boonville and East Bend is interested and would like to investigate further. Yadkinville has declined.

Perhaps the best way to move forward at this point would be to ask each town to appoint one or two representatives to meet to discuss further and to work out the details. We may also need to include someone from the Board of Elections (and others?)

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to move forward to discuss election year changes and to appoint committee representatives which include Town Manager Scott Buffkin, Council Member Moore, Mayor Pardue and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed 4-1 with Council Member Green voting against.

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

During last year's session, the NC General Assembly changed the Statute (NCGS §160A-385) that describes the method that Town Councils utilize to receive citizen input on Zoning Ordinance amendments and rezonings. Prior to the change to the Statute, a percentage of residents living in close proximity to the property to be rezoned could submit a protest petition which would trigger the requirement of a $\frac{3}{4}$ super majority of the Town Council members to vote in favor of the amendment or rezoning in order for it to become effective. This provision is currently included in Section 4-1.2 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

The change to the Statute disallows such protest petition requirements in local Zoning Ordinances and the resulting $\frac{3}{4}$ supermajority requirement for approval. Instead, any resident or property owner may now submit written comments to the Town Clerk who will forward those comments to the Council. A simple majority vote of the Council will be all that is required to approve the amendment. The Statute also contains a provision that allows Council members to abstain from voting on such amendments if the Council member so chooses.

Prior to any amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the Town Council must hold a public hearing

to hear public comments on the proposed amendment(s). A copy of the House Bill as well as a copy of the proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance is included in the packet for review.

Council Member Moore made a motion to schedule the public hearing on April 11, 2016, meeting and Council Member Wall seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

AUDIT CONTRACT

The audit contract with Canon & Co. is included for the Council's consideration. The Town accepted bids for this service in 2014 and awarded the contract to Canon & Co. for a period of three (3) years. The bid set for this year's audit is \$15,700.

Council Member Green made a motion to approve the audit contract for the year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$15,700 and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

The Dragonfly House Children's Advocacy Center has requested that the Town proclaim April as child abuse prevention month. Proclamation included in the booklet.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the child abuse prevention month proclamation for the month of April and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

AWARD OF BID – SURPLUS PROPERTY

Chad and Bobby Colbert submitted the high bid of \$2,500 for the Town property located along the east side on Mayberry Road at NC Hwy. 67. In order to complete the sale the Town Council must formally award the bid to the Colberts.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the Town's property sale of parcel 124719 in the amount of \$2,500 to Chad and Bobby Colbert and Council Member Green seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

AWARD OF BID – FILTER WORK AT WATER PLANT

The work on the filters at the water plant as Tim Collins described at a previous meeting has been approved by the State and we have secured two bids to complete the project. The low bidder is Carolina Environmental Specialists in the amount of \$7,065.95. Charles Underwood Inc. bid came in at \$18,500.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the filter project at the water plant and to approve the lowest bidder Carolina Environmental Specialists in the amount of \$7065.95 and Council Member Wall seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

AWARD OF BID – VAULT ENCLOSURE AT RAW WATER INTAKE

The Town has received two bids to repair / replace the vault structure at the raw water intake point. The low bidder is Carolina Environmental Specialists in the amount of \$9,963.21.

Council Member Green made a motion to approve the repair of the vault structure at the raw intake point plant and also to approve the lowest bidder Carolina Environmental Specialists in the amount of \$9963.21 and Council Member Darnell seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Jonesville Public Library Committee met on March 3, 2016, and completed its review and provided a recommendation to the Council.

- The lease for the current location runs until May 13, 2016. After that date the lease becomes month to month with a two month notice.
- The Friends of the Jonesville Library and the Library employees prefer a new metal building with a decorative façade be constructed at the old location on West Main Street.
- The Friends of the Library pledged that the funds they have collected to date for the building fund would be contributed to a project as described above at the old library location. The Friends would also pledge to continue their fund raising efforts for the term of any financing that the Town may have to undertake to pay for a new facility.
- The Town Manager reported that the Town staff has been working to finish cleaning out the old Town Hall building. The old Town Hall building appears to be in worse physical condition than the old Library building.
- The Library staff reported that they would prefer to stay in the current location as long as possible, or until a new facility is completed. Their concern is that the lease on the current location could end abruptly.
- The Friends of the Library group does not wish for the discussed Lila Swaim park location be accepted.
- The Friends of the Library and the staff of the Northwest Regional Library System feel that any new facility be at least 4,000 square feet in size to allow for current use as well as future growth.
- The consensus of the committee is to recommend that the old Town Hall site is considered as the location for a new facility if the Town Council decides to demolish this building.

General discussion from the Board, obtains 3 bids on demolishing the old town hall according to EPA regulations have an auction for personal property inside the town hall (desks, etc.), mentioned salvaging the alarm system on the roof, 1959 fire truck, a cornerstone in front of building with dates and town hall benches for history purposes, but no action taken.

RESOLUTION STATING OPPOSITION TO “NON-DISCRIMINATION” ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to table this discussion until next month’s meeting, April 11, 2016, and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed 4-1 with Council Member Green voting against.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The departmental reports are included in your agenda packet. The Council will need to make a motion to approve the monthly financial report.

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve February financial reports and Council Member Wall seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

Council Member Green made the motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Council Member Wall, passed unanimous 5-0.

Council Member Green made the motion to go back into regular session and it was seconded by Council Member Moore, passed unanimous 5-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Green made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Darnell seconded the motion and passed unanimous 5-0.

Gene Pardue, Mayor

Lynn Trivette, CMC, NCCMC